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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN  
PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SPORTS APPARATUS SHAFT AND BLADE WITH ADDED IMPACT PROTECTION AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

Insert Title:

the specification of which is attached hereto. If not attached hereto, the application is identified by the attorney docket number as set forth above and/or the following:

Fill in Appropriate Information -

The specification was filed on 08/25/2006 as United States Application Number 10/590,701 ;

and amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable) and/or

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the specification was filed on 02/25/2005 as PCT International Application Number PCT/CA2005/000309 ; and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representative or assigns more than twelve months (six months for designs) prior to this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as follows.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(f) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Insert Priority Information (if appropriate)

(Number)	(Country)	(Month/Day/Year Filed)	Priority Claimed
<u>2,459,006</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>February 26, 2004</u>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>2,489,504</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>November 25, 2004</u>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States and/or PCT application(s), including for continuation-in-part application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States and/or PCT application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I hereby appoint the practitioners at CUSTOMER NO. 02292 as my attorneys or agents to prosecute this application and/or an international application based on this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and in connection with the resulting patent based on instructions received from the entity who first sent the application papers to the practitioners, unless the inventor(s) or assignee provides said practitioners with a written notice to the contrary:

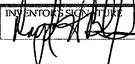
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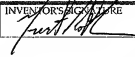
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## ASSIGNMENT

Application No. 10/590,701 Filed August 25, 2006

Insert Name(s) of Inventor(s) **\*\*\*[Given Name FAMILY NAME (ALL CAPS)]\*\*\***

WHEREAS, Ray BLOTTEAUX; Justin ROTH; and Michael Thomas BENNETT (hereinafter designated as the undersigned) has (have) invented certain new and useful improvements in:

Insert Title of Invention **SPORTS APPARATUS SHAFT AND BLADE WITH ADDED IMPACT PROTECTION AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME**

for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America has been executed by the undersigned (except in the case of a provisional application)

Insert Date of Signing of Application on August 16, 2007; August 21, 2007; and  
August 16, 2007 respectively

Insert Name of Assignee  
Insert Address of Assignee

WHEREAS, Sport Masks Inc.  
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its heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns (hereinafter designated as the Assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent(s) that may be granted therefor in the United States of America and ☒ in any foreign countries.

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to the undersigned in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, the undersigned has (have) sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States of America, its territories, dependencies and possessions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent(s) which may be granted therefor in the United States of America, its territories, dependencies and possessions, and if the box above is designated, in any and all foreign countries;

and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, conversions and extensions thereof for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with this application and any continuing, divisional, conversion or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned agree (s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning this application or continuation, division, conversion or reissue thereof or Letter Patent(s) or reissue patent issued thereon and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining and producing evidence and proceeding with such interference.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers and documents and to perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

The undersigned agree(s) to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain a grant of a valid United States of America patent(s) or a grant of a valid United States of America and any foreign patent(s) to the Assignee and to vest all rights therein hereby conveyed to said Assignee as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the undersigned if this Assignment and sale had not been made.

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The undersigned hereby grant(s) the law firm of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP the power to insert on this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

The undersigned hereby covenant(s) that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment.

In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned name(s).

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Date <u>8/21/07</u>	Name of Inventor <u>Justin ROFF</u> (signature) Justin ROFF
Date <u>8/16/07</u>	Name of Inventor <u>Michael Thomas BENNETT</u> (signature) Michael Thomas BENNETT